

REMARKS

Please enter this First Preliminary Amendment prior to calculating the filing fees associated with the above-identified patent application, and thereby prior to the Examiner undertaking a substantive examination of the above-identified patent application. The above-noted patent application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/025,128. Claims 1-47 were originally presented in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/025,128. Claims 1-39 were elected for prosecution in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/025,128 pursuant to a Restriction Requirement dated 2/26/04. Claims 1-39 are thereby being canceled herein and as noted above. Claims 40-47 (the unelected claims from U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/025,128) will therefore be pending upon entry of this First Preliminary Amendment.

In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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